

#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration** 

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2022-1236; Project Identifier MCAI-2021-01376-T; Amendment 39-22275; AD 2022-25-19]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Airbus Canada Limited Partnership Model BD-500-1A10 and BD-500-1A11 airplanes. This AD was prompted by a report of a thrust reverser actuation system (TRAS) deploy hose failure upon the commanded deployment of a thrust reverser. This AD requires removing each non-conforming TRAS deploy hose, and replacing it with a conforming TRAS deploy hose, as specified in a Transport Canada AD, which is incorporated by reference. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective [INSERT DATE 35 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of [INSERT DATE 35 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

#### **ADDRESSES**:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at regulations.gov under Docket No. FAA-2022-1236; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

*Material Incorporated by Reference:* 

- For material incorporated by reference in this AD, contact Transport Canada, Transport Canada National Aircraft Certification, 159 Cleopatra Drive, Nepean, Ontario K1A 0N5, Canada; telephone 888-663-3639; email AD-CN@tc.gc.ca; website tc.canada.ca/en/aviation.
- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section,

  Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on
  the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195. It is also available in the
  AD docket at regulations.gov under Docket No. FAA-2022-1236.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Catanzaro, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe and Propulsion Section, FAA, New York ACO Branch, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516-228-7366; email 9-avs-nyacocos@faa.gov.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Background**

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain Airbus Canada Limited Partnership Model BD-500-1A10 and BD-500-1A11 airplanes. The NPRM published in the *Federal Register* on October 5, 2022 (87 FR 60349). The NPRM was prompted by AD

CF-2021-46, dated December 8, 2021, issued by Transport Canada, which is the aviation authority for Canada (Transport Canada AD CF-2021-46) (also referred to as the MCAI). The MCAI states a report of a TRAS deploy hose failure upon the commanded deployment of a thrust reverser. It was found that certain TRAS deploy hoses were made with incomplete installation of the wire overbraid, which created a weak point and subsequently led to failure of the deploy hose. The failure of a deploy hose could lead to loss of thrust reverser function and hydraulic systems. The loss of one or both thrust reversers during landing on a contaminated runway could lead to a runway excursion.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require removing each non-conforming TRAS deploy hose, and replacing it with a conforming TRAS deploy hose, as specified in Transport Canada AD CF-2021-46. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at regulations.gov under Docket No. FAA-2022-1236.

### **Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive**

### Comments

The FAA received a comment from Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA) who supported the NPRM without change.

### Conclusion

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA's bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, it has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered the comment received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition

on this product. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

### Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

Transport Canada AD CF-2021-46 specifies procedures for removing each non-conforming TRAS deploy hose, and replacing it with a conforming TRAS deploy hose. This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the ADDRESSES section.

## **Costs of Compliance**

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 8 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

### **Estimated costs for required actions**

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
3 work-hours X \$85 per hour = \$255	\$0*	\$255	\$2,040

<sup>\*</sup> The FAA has received no definitive data on which to base the cost estimates for the parts specified in this AD.

The FAA has included all known costs in its cost estimate. According to the manufacturer, however, some or all of the costs of this AD may be covered under warranty, thereby reducing the cost impact on affected operators.

# **Authority for this Rulemaking**

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress

charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

## **Regulatory Findings**

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

#### The Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

# PART 39 - AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

### § 39.13 [Amended]

2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

2022-25-19 Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held

by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.): Amendment 39-22275; Docket No. FAA-2022-1236; Project Identifier MCAI-2021-01376-T.

### (a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective [INSERT DATE 35 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

# (b) Affected ADs

None.

# (c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate previously held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.) Model BD-500-1A10 and BD-500-1A11 airplanes, certificated in any category, as identified in Transport Canada AD CF-2021-46, dated December 8, 2021 (Transport Canada AD CF-2021-46).

# (d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 14, Hardware; 78, Engine Exhaust.

### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report of a thrust reverser actuation system (TRAS) deploy hose failure upon the commanded deployment of a thrust reverser. The FAA is issuing this AD to address failure of a deploy hose, which could lead to loss of thrust reverser function and hydraulic systems. Losing one or both thrust reversers during landing on a contaminated runway could lead to a runway excursion.

### (f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

## (g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, Transport Canada AD CF-2021-46.

# (h) Exception to Transport Canada AD CF-2021-46

- (1) Where Transport Canada AD CF-2021-46 refers to hours air time, this AD requires using flight hours.
- (2) Where Transport Canada AD CF-2021-46 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.
- (3) Where any service information referenced in Transport Canada AD CF-2021-46 lists affected thrust reversers, this AD requires using the serial and part numbers listed in table 1 to paragraph (h)(3) of this AD.

Table 1 to paragraph (h)(3) of this AD – Affected Thrust Reversers

Serial Number	Part Number
296001	999-3002-577
297001	999-3002-575
298001	999-3002-577
299001	999-3002-575
300001	999-3002-577
301001	999-3002-575
302001	999-3002-577
303001	999-3002-575
304001	999-3002-577
305001	999-3002-575
306001	999-3002-577
307001	999-3002-575
308001	999-3002-577
309001	999-3002-575
310001	999-3002-577
311001	999-3002-575

## (i) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

- (1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, New York ACO Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the certification office, send it to ATTN: Program Manager, Continuing Operational Safety, FAA, New York ACO Branch, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516-228-7300. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.
- (2) Contacting the Manufacturer: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, New York ACO Branch, FAA; or Transport Canada; or Airbus Canada Limited Partnership's Transport Canada Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO, the approval must include the DAO-authorized signature.

#### (i) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Joseph Catanzaro, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe and Propulsion Section, FAA, New York ACO Branch, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516-228-7366; email 9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov.

## (k) Material Incorporated by Reference

- (1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.
- (2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Transport Canada AD CF-2021-46, dated December 8, 2021.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For Transport Canada AD CF-2021-46, contact Transport Canada, Transport

Canada National Aircraft Certification, 159 Cleopatra Drive, Nepean, Ontario K1A 0N5,

Canada; telephone 888-663-3639; email AD-CN@tc.gc.ca; website

tc.canada.ca/en/aviation.

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section,

Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on

the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

(5) You may view this material that is incorporated by reference at the National

Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this

material at NARA, email fr.inspection@nara.gov, or go to: www.archives.gov/federal-

register/cfr/ibr-locations.html.

Issued on December 2, 2022.

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Compliance & Airworthiness Division,

Aircraft Certification Service.

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